



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10  
2 (As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 1)

3 WHEREAS, For more than 200 years downtown districts have  
4 served as the heart and soul of our communities; they are the  
5 site of parades, passionate speeches, and public gathering  
6 places; and

7 WHEREAS, The words "main street" conjure up images of a  
8 friendly place to greet your neighbors and friends, shop for  
9 unique gifts or supplies, and enjoy an evening of good food and  
10 entertainment; and

11 WHEREAS, Downtown businesses have provided stable incomes  
12 to millions of Illinois residents, paid billions of tax dollars  
13 for city and State services, and provided countless  
14 sponsorships for activities that contribute to a community's  
15 quality of life; and

16 WHEREAS, The Illinois Main Street program is a nationally  
17 recognized model for preserving the historic integrity and  
18 economic vitality of downtowns and neighborhood business  
19 districts; and

20 WHEREAS, The Office of the Lieutenant Governor for the  
21 State of Illinois successfully implemented the Main Street  
22 program beginning in 1993 using the proven National Main Street  
23 Center's comprehensive model for downtown revitalization - the  
24 Four Point Approach®: Organization, Promotion, Design, and  
25 Economic Restructuring; and

26 WHEREAS, Fifty-eight Illinois communities are actively  
27 participating in the Illinois Main Street program, and  
28 consequently, more than \$418 million has been invested in their  
29 downtown districts, nearly 5,000 new jobs have been created and  
30 more than 1,300 businesses have sprung up or expanded in the

1 State; and

2 WHEREAS, The programs associated with Illinois Main Street  
3 will certainly continue to restore, restructure, and  
4 revitalize the soul of their community with successful results;  
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
8 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize the first Saturday in June  
9 as Illinois Main Street Day in Illinois.